

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

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TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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[] the last five German workers, including 2 firemen, 1 locksmith, 1 electrician and 1 plumber, were dismissed on 1 April 1952. [] all construction projects scheduled to be carried out in Weisse Stadt were cancelled.

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[] the Russians had ordered the sale of the stored potatoes of the 25X1 transferred air force unit to farmers in the vicinity. [] all construction projects of the Soviet unit, including the plan of improving Oranienburg Castle, were rejected. A new construction officer had allegedly arrived to inspect Oranienburg airfield.

3. Between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. on 26 March, no aircraft were located at the field. The hangars were closed. No construction work or any indications were observed. Four empty flatcars with sideracks were on the spur track leading to the field. About 150 Soviet Air Force soldiers were quartered in the northern section of Weisse Stadt. Truck [] left the field.

4. On 5 April, a train of 25 to 30 flatcars and 3 boxcars without a locomotive stood on Oranienburg railroad station. The cars had come from the restricted Weisse Stadt Settlement and the airfield. Two trucks [] tank truck [] 6 to 8 caterpillar tractors, [] rollers, disk harrows, three-bladed plows, a snow plow, a crane and other equipment were loaded on the railroad cars. About 6 air force officers and 45 to 50 EM were in the boxcars. *

5. On 25 March, telephone construction crews were laying cables on the edge of the field as far as the guardhouse at the northern entrance gate. A group of surveyors were working with surveying instruments at the field. No air activity was observed, and no aircraft were parked at the field. Truck [] was parked near the northern entrance gate. **

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* [] Comment. This is a shipment of the air force construction unit which was transferred from Jueterbog to Oranienburg in December 1952. It appears that the construction regiment is now permanently stationed in Oranienburg from where it is detached to various construction sites. It is expected that the destination of the shipment will be reported later.

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** [] Comment. Construction has not yet started in Oranienburg. [] 25X1
[] work will probably begin in mid-April 1952. []
[] however, that work will possibly be delayed.

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